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# The Connecticut Libertarian

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## Chairman's Corner

*By Lenny Rasch*

Last month I wrote to all of you about the need to organize and commit to our 2004 petitioning this fall. I also stressed the need to commit to candidacies. It was in this spirit, at the last State Central Committee meeting, that I stated that I am willing to run an active campaign for U.S. Senate against Christopher Dodd next year.

An "active" campaign for a highly visible office can have a number of opportunities to state Libertarian positions. Newspapers and web sites invite candidates, including third-party candidates, to respond to questions or write position papers on specific topics. There will be a number of invitations to speak, and to the extent that work permits, these can be accepted. Finally, there may be one or more debate opportunities, depending on the rules established.

Walter Gengareilly has also indicated his willingness to run for Congress again in the Fifth District. We are very hopeful that we can have two more people commit to running for Congressional office. Remember that you do not have to live in the district in order to run for the office of US Representative.

I also hope that the early commitments that Walter and I have made will encourage others to commit now. Next year is a Presidential election year and politics will be filling the newspapers and airwaves. Although our share will surely not be fair, let's position ourselves now to get all of the exposure that we can.

## Petitioning for 2004

*by Linda Rasch, Ballot Access Coordinator*

We are now organizing petitioning for the 2004 offices of President, U.S. Senate, and 3 U.S. Representatives. Our goal is to run three Congressional candidates. We are organizing earlier this year, so that we can accomplish our goal of attaining 7500 verified signatures, or 12,000 signatures overall. We need a lot of volunteers to achieve this goal! Please contact Linda Rasch at [secretary@lpct.org](mailto:secretary@lpct.org) to volunteer.

If everyone who reads this newsletter can get 25 signatures on a

petition we will achieve our petitioning goals easily. Everyone can find 25 people to sign the petitions with very little effort. However, if you can only get 4 or 5, it is still a contribution and taking some responsibility in contributing to freedom. If you feel that you simply are not able to get these signatures, please help by contributing \$25-\$50 dollars to the Libertarian Party of Connecticut so that we can get paid petitioners and be sure we get the

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## LINCOLN For Newington Town Council

*By Dawn Lincoln, candidate for Newington Town Council*

I am running a low key, low budget campaign. I started my campaign by asking friends and neighbors to sign my petition to get on the ballot. I also knocked on doors in the neighborhood behind my house and surpassed the goal of 91 signatures. Starting in July, I have attended every town council meeting and work session to learn the ropes and become familiar with the issues currently before the council. I have spoken about various issues to the council, which are also televised on our local access station, NCTV.

Once my papers were filed, a reporter from The Herald in New Britain contacted me and ran a very nice piece on my candidacy. This was later run in the Newington Town Crier, our local weekly paper to which I have also been writing letters to the editor on a regular basis. On October 1st, I participated in a Meet the Candidate event. Each candidate for council was given five minutes to speak and this was taped to air on NCTV. I have ordered yard signs and door hangers. Once they arrive I will get as many signs put up around town as I can. I will start knocking on doors in my free time, leaving a door hanger at homes where there is no answer and leaving a small handout about my campaign and how to contact me at [Vote4Lincoln@juno.com](mailto:Vote4Lincoln@juno.com) and a copy of Viewpoint. I hope that these few simple steps will be enough to earn me a seat on the council. The residents are in need of a voice for lower taxes, lower spending and lower debt.

Running this simple campaign has given me the opportunity to expose more people to the term Libertarian and to libertarian ideas than I have been able to accomplish in any Libertarian Party activities I have been involved with in the past 3 years. I think that running a campaign just might be the best outreach activity available. Start thinking now about preparing yourself to run for office in the near future or in assisting someone else in their campaign.

# Petitioning for 2004

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signatures we need. Or ideally, make a monthly contribution of \$10 or more dollars during this important campaign year. 12,000 signatures cost the Connecticut Party approximately \$25,000. The Libertarian Party will save thousands of dollars and free up volunteers' time for people to work on campaigns if each of our members contribute by getting signatures. The address to donate to the Libertarian Party of Connecticut by mail is: Libertarian Party of Connecticut P.O. Box 551, East Granby, CT 06026. Please write on the memo line of the check, "petitioning donation".

The voters of CT want a choice at the voting booth. We need our members to be sure we provide them with this choice. The Libertarian message is powerful. If we prove we are a viable

party by getting on the ballot, with your help, we will make a political difference and challenge government's attack on our liberties and wallets.

As members of the Libertarian Party of Connecticut, please consider a contribution as a minimum responsibility to the party, as you would with your family or home. We all have things we would prefer not to do to maintain our homes, but we do it because we must. We must each make a minimum contribution to put our Connecticut Libertarian Party on the ballot!

Please call the Libertarian Party phone at 860-585-5857 if you would like to participate in any campaigns, committees, petitioning or to make a donation. Please leave a message on the voicemail with your name, phone



*Libertarian outreach  
at Gay Pride in Hartford*

number, e-mail address and or mailing address and tell us what you would like to participate in.

## Election 2004

*By Richard C. Connelly Jr.,  
Political Director*

The 2004 elections are just around the corner. We will need your help and support if we want to make an impact.

To get more information, to volunteer to help, or to suggest someone else who may be able to help, please email me at [riconnelly@juno.com](mailto:riconnelly@juno.com).

We need seven people to be electors for the Presidential election. Their names will be registered with the Secretary of the State as electors and if needed they would have to vote in the electoral college.

We are looking for individuals who are interested in running for state representative or state senator. Federal offices of U.S. Senate and U.S. Representative are also up for reelection.

We already have two candidates for federal office. Len Rasch will be running for U.S. Senate and Walter Generally for U.S. Representative in the 5th district.

To get on the ballot for president we will need 7500 valid signatures. This means we will need to get about 12,500 raw signatures. If you are interested in helping with this important task, please let me know.

## MEETINGS & NOTICES

### State Central Committee Meeting - Tuesday, October 21, 2003

The monthly Libertarian Party of Connecticut State Central Committee meeting will be held at the Town Hall in Wethersfield on Tuesday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is open to members and to the public.

#### Agenda:

*Minutes - Secretary*

*Treasurer's Report*

*Chairman's Report*

*Political Director's Report*

*Membership Report*

*Communications Report*

*Convention Report*

*Petitioning Report*

*By-Laws Report*

*Old Business:*

*Authorized Use*

*of Libertarian Party Label*

*New Business:*

*Cato Handbook for Congress*

*Upcoming Event Potentials*

#### Directions:

From North: I-91 South to Exit 28 (See Rt. 5 & 15 South).

From South: I-91 North to Exit 28 (See Rt. 5 & 15 South).

From East: I-84 West to Exit 57 (See Rt. 5 & 15 South).

From West: I-84 East to I-91 South, to Exit 28

(See Rt. 5 & 15 South).

Route 5 & 15 South: Take Exit 85 (Route 99/Silas Deane Hwy) South.

At the 4th traffic light, turn right onto Church St. Turn into first driveway on left.

**Convention 2004** – Our Annual Convention will be held on April 24, 2004. The tentative location is The Colony in New Haven. If you want to work on this convention committee, contact: Dawn Lincoln at [vicechair@lpct.org](mailto:vicechair@lpct.org).

**Election Day** – On November 4th, 2003, three Connecticut Libertarians will be on the ballot: Arline Dunlop, for mayor of Meriden; Dawn Lincoln, for Councilor in Newington; and Richard Lion, for mayor of Hartford. If you live in any of these three cities, be sure to vote for your Libertarian candidate.

**By-Laws Committee** – A By-Laws Committee has now been formed for the 2004 Convention. Most of it's work is expected to be done by e-mail. If you are interested in working with this committee, please contact Linda Rasch at [secretary@lpct.org](mailto:secretary@lpct.org).